expressed while declining to sign the Comprehensive T^si Eana Treaty (CTBT) that it is un^-Hable preventing tl>e non-weapon countries fr*om* conducting nuclear tests while leaving it open to nacllear we-V B itatc$_s$ 10 conduct the^i; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto by way i:f securing support 'o their vii-ws 6«i stand on CTI1T from other countries and, securing a just and fair perspective in relation to nuewar weapons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERWAN1): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In a press statement on July 5, 1997, Government took note of the 'sub-critical" test csnducted by the Uni'ed States on luly 2, 1997 and expre scd concern that the subcntlcjl nuclear test has been justified "as an activity permitted under the CTBT. India has be;n consistently pointing out in both bilateral and international for$_a$ that the-CTBT in its present form contains loopholes Mid without bejng pia.ed in the context of a phased programme for global nuclear dis-armament Verves only a discriminuury on-p.oliferation intent ratier than the-urgent soal of global nuclear disarmament. India's stand on the CTBT enjoys support from non-aligned countries et well $_M$ international non-goveiamental organisations and the academic community. India believes that a nuclear weap.m-free world will enhance our national security as well as global security.

Makins Missiles with N warheads by Pakistan

14PI. SHRI SliSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(») whether Government's attention baa aeeo dctwa to the report captioneJ "Pak making N.wa,heads" which ap peared in the Pioneer, dated the Juiy, 1997;

(b) if so, whether Government havt since confirmed the re-port? that Pakhtat is making missile with nuclear warhead with Chinese assistant, at its factor) at Fateh Ganj; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERWANI): (a) Yes, Str.

(b) and (c) Government are amjn of credible report's about Chinese a-sis-tan.e in Pakjstan'$_s$ mi: He programme. Government have made it clear tM these- developments pose a threat to Tndin's security End are not conducive !• the maintenaace of peace and stabilitj in the region. Government have been tat-in-- nc;e°. ry step-, to safegr.a'd the security and national in'c est and wl continue t_0 do so in kecking with '& assessment of developments pei'tain'ng to India's 'security environment.

Deployment of M 11 Misseils by pakistan

I. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to stale:

fa) whether Government have vanned the reports that Pakistan has deployed ill M-II missiles near India« border; and

fh if so, the defensive measure! tpVen by India to mee: this threat?

THP MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF F\TFRNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIM.VT KVMLA SINHAV. (») and (b) Gover-.m-nt are aware of a* reports in this regard. The acquisi tion of mi-vies *mi* rc'ajc.l technologic by Pakistan $_{»ous}j_V$ $_{m0}$ai-tared nnd a^css^d bjr Government. Our acquisition of M-H id Keen conveyed'the conrerncd Govcrnin remains fully committed to taking